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MOLOTOV BELITTLED Frequent Anglo-U.S. Differences Not Bad Omen For Paris Talks

THE LOAN

Washington, May 28.
Mr. Henry Wallace, United States Secretary of Commerce, urging the approval of the proposed £937,500,000 loan to Britain told the House of Representatives Banking Committee that "failure to approve the loan would reduce our exports below pre-war level with far-reaching consequences for our economy."—Reuter.

CHINESE SOLDIER ARRESTED

An awkward situation, calling for the greatest amount of tact from all concerned, arose at Yaumati Police Station last night when a man brought in on suspicion of being implicated in an armed robbery turned out to be a member of the Chinese military.

The local Chinese military authorities endeavoured to obtain custody of the man, but as far as could be established at the time of going to press, he was still being held by the Police.

The trouble began with an armed robbery in Shanghai Street last night by two armed men. Within a few minutes, an armed man had been arrested by the Police and taken off to Yaumati Police Station.

Police officials were extremely reticent last night as to what happened next, but apparently the arrival of Chinese military officials attracted a crowd, which grew to quite large proportions when several lorry-loads of Commandos arrived.

When the latter left shortly afterwards, the crowd dispersed. Police officials approached by the "China Mail" said that "the matter has been amicably settled." It is understood that the man is still being detained, though this could not be confirmed.

Request That Britain Dropped

London, May 28. Britain made and dropped a request to Egypt for the lease of bases as a condition to withdrawal of British troops from Egypt before the formal opening of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty negotiations, it was learned last night.

A British official said that the Cairo talks would be resumed in a few days with a better chance of success. He refused to say whether Britain would make concessions toward Egyptian insistence on a speedy evacuation of British troops, and the existence of a state of war as the only condition for their return to Egypt.

When the Cairo talks halted, the main points at issue were firstly that Britain wanted to take about five years to complete the evacuation, whereas Egypt wanted the withdrawal to be completed within 12 to 18 months.

Secondly, Britain wanted the right to send troops back into Egypt when there was a "threat of war" while the Egyptians wanted to restrict that right to an actual state of war.—Associated Press.

Britain Not To Follow U.S. Plan

Berlin, May 28. A British Military Government official today said that there would be no halting of the dismantlement of plant for reparations, as was announced yesterday for the United States zone.

The order, the official said, would have no practical effect. "Very obviously, this is a matter for consideration by the Ministry of Reconstruction," the official added.

Only one British official has been quoted as saying that the

American officials here belittle Foreign Minister Molotov's contention that an Anglo-American bloc waged "an offensive against the Soviet Union" at the Paris Conference.

Secretary of State Byrnes maintained silence on the subject, but other authorities declared privately that the United States delegation never acted on the previous agreement with Britain as Molotov contended.

Orange Juice U.N. Favourite

NEW YORK, MAY 28.
BARTENDERS AT THE UNITED NATION'S HEADQUARTERS LAUGHED AT CHARGES BY A BOSTON EDUCATOR THAT DELEGATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS WERE GUILTY OF EXCESSIVE DRINKING.

One bartender said business was so bad in the delegates' bar that concessionaires considered closing it as a losing proposition.

The charge was made by Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, president of Boston University, who said "no wonder so many International Conferences turn out to be lost weekends."

A bartender said the diplomats generally drank orange juice or nothing and added: "I was working there one day when we took in 70 cents and another day the total was 10 cents, but on the best day business was \$30 and more than half was for orange juice." — Associated Press.

U.N.O. Challenge On Franco

New York, May 28. The United Nations Security Council sub-committee on Spain is today weighing the challenging suggestion from the Spanish Republicans that they and unspecified Allies might seek to overthrow the Franco regime by force unless the United Nations takes action against the Spanish dictator as a threat to world peace.

Prominent Dr. Jose Giral of the exiled Spanish Republican leaders indicated that Republicans inside and outside of Spain are ready to fight with ample support in the event that the United Nations refuses to intervene.

After the second public hearing of Giral's evidence and the receipt of voluminous documents from his regime, the sub-committee decided to hold two private meetings on Tuesday.

Giral expressed certainty that the United Nations can make the Franco regime disappear by applying certain articles of charter, especially economic sanctions.

In the matter of atomic research, Giral said uranium deposits exist in Spain but added "we have no precise information on the manufacture of atomic bombs or the utilization of this material."

The sub-committee, now headed by Australian Foreign Minister Herbert Evans, is speeding the schedule in an effort to meet the May 31 deadline date for the report by which the Security Council hopes to determine whether, as charged by Poland, Franco is a threat to world peace.

The Security Council remained in recess today, but was expected to meet later this week to hear the latest official word from Spain as to whether or not Soviet influence lingers in the Aragonian Province and to receive official corroboration of reports that all Russian Army troops have been evacuated from Iran.—Associated Press.

Dismantling and packing lists are now being taken apart. Three of them are for the Russians.

Work will continue on these but since the remaining three are at present unbroken, there is little hope of getting them out.

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SPIES?

London, May 28. British representatives in Belgrade are maintaining touch with and watching the interests of British nationals who have been detained by the Yugoslav authorities and are also in consultation with the Yugoslav authorities.

The names of the persons detained are not being divulged, but one, under the charge of espionage, another, with his wife, is accused of collaboration with the enemy, one organizing espionage, and there is some doubt as to the nationality of three others.—Reuter.

SIR BEN SMITH RESIGNS

LONDON, MAY 28.
SIR BEN SMITH HAS RESIGNED AS MINISTER OF FOOD.

Following the official announcement of his resignation, it was announced that Mr. John Strachey, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air, had been appointed Food Minister. Mr. Geoffrey de Freitas replaces Mr. John Strachey as Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air.

Sir Ben Smith stated tonight that he had had a very exhausting time and was very tired. He wished to resign at Easter but the Prime Minister had asked him to stay until after the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, had visited Washington.

Sir Ben is the first Cabinet change in the Labour Government. Once a taxi-driver, he entered Parliament in 1923 and became Minister for Supply in 1943.—Associated Press.

MUSSOLINI SAVED A BRITISH CONVOY!

London, May 28.

Mussolini's personal intervention when a difference of opinion arose between the Axis naval and air staffs was instrumental in saving the most vital of our convoys to Malta and resulted in two Italian cruisers being torpedoed by British submarines.

This sidelight on the enemy's conduct of the war is given in the testimony of a German admiral who was acting as chief liaison officer with the Italian naval staff at the time.

Since their surrender, all German flag officers holding important posts have been instructed to write their appreciations of naval operations with which they were closely concerned. Most of these are valueless threats against political interference, but some contain interesting facts about the sea war as seen by the enemy.

The Malta convoy in question was that of August, 1942, when the fate of the Island hung in the balance. According to German testimony, a strong force of heavy and light cruisers was ordered to intercept the convoy as it entered the Sicilian Channel and the Allied heavy covering forces had to turn back to the westward.

AIR SUPPORT ARGUMENT

The cruiser had already sailed when controversy arose between the naval and air staffs. It had been clearly laid down as a matter of principle that surface ships should not attack without air support.

The naval staff demanded this support. The air staff replied that it was proposed to carry out concentrated air attacks on the convoy and its escorts and support for the cruisers could not be given without an undesirable weakness.

EXPECTED OPINION

Admiral Lord Fraser is making a farewell visit to Nanking and had transferred his flag to H.M.S. Newfoundland at Fowey.

At 6:30 p.m. yesterday evening the cruiser steamed into the harbor of Tamsui, where she is to remain until

COMMUNISTS TAKE A BAD BEATING

Frankfurt, May 28.

The Conservative Christian Social Union Party has won control of most cities and villages in the United States occupation zone of Germany. The Communists took a bad beating.

Sunday's balloting in 38 large cities for council members resulted in an almost even split between rightist and leftist parties but the industrial workers gave the Christian Social Union Party a total heavier than was expected, adding to the power of the party gained in the recent rural elections wherein it scored an overwhelming victory.

BABIES DIE

New York, May 28.

The deaths of two more babies raised to nine the number of infants of American soldiers to die in the past week after becoming ill aboard the bridge ship "Vance" crossing the Atlantic.—Associated Press.

Strikes In Canada Now

MONTREAL, MAY 28.
CANADA, IN COMPARISON WITH THE UNITED STATES RELATIVELY FREE OF STRIKES SINCE THE WAR'S END, IS NOW THREATENED BY A WAVE OF WALKOUTS WHICH THREATEN TO SPREAD EVEN FURTHER BEFORE INDUSTRIAL PEACE IS RESTORED.

Nearly 50,000 workers are now off their jobs. The bulk of these are 87,000 woodworkers in British Columbia who are holding up the production of lumber needed in housing and other reconstruction work and threatening the wood-pulp supply for newsprint sold on the Pacific coast and some southwestern states.

The most spectacular strike was that called suddenly on Monday by the Canadian Seamen's Union, whose members are employed on ships plying the Great Lakes and the coasts. The union asserts that 5,000 of its members are on strike, although its rival, the National Maritime Federation, whose men have since been recruited to man those ships whose crews are on strike, says that the C.S.U. has only 1,500 workers as members.

The Seamen's Union asserts that it has tied up more than 50 lake vessels with a total of more than 200 soon to be idle. In denial of this, the Dominion Marine Association, representing the operators, says only 17 ships are strike-bound with 22 idle on the Great Lakes.

In Ottawa, labour leaders protested vigorously against the arrest yesterday of 45 seamen on charges of ship desertion in connection with the Great Lakes shipping strike. Thirty of these men were arrested from the picket lines at Thorold, Ontario, where they had walked off a passenger vessel. The remaining 15 were arrested at Montreal and Kingston.—Associated Press.

Armistice With Italy

LONDON, MAY 28.
A REVISED ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH ITALY IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED TODAY.

The final draft was agreed upon and initialed by the Big Four foreign ministers in Paris on the last day—May 17—of the recent Paris conference.

Signatories for Italy will be the Italian Premier, Alcide de Gasperi, and for the Allies, British, French and the United States Supreme Allied Commander, British General Sir William Morgan, who has just gave a brief statement.

It is emphasized that there will be no military alliance in the form of a treaty between the Armistice signatory countries.

PRINCE FREDERIK IN BRITAIN

Harwich, May 28.

The Danish motor-ship "Kronprins Frederik" docked at Harwich today on her maiden voyage to England from Denmark, carrying 22 private passengers, including Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark and the director of the United Steamship Company Limited.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

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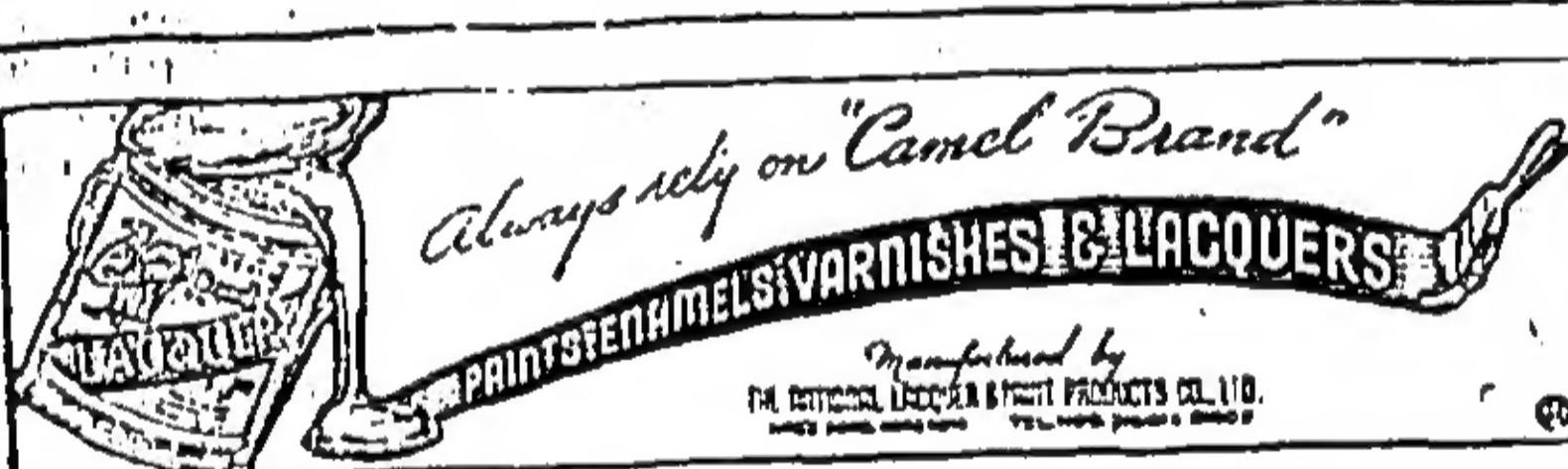
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SOVIET COMPLAINT

M. Molotov's commentary on the relative failure of the Foreign Ministers' Conference confesses, not altogether discouragingly, how wide is the divergence of approach to the issues involved. The Soviet Foreign Minister complained that certain nations are endeavouring to impose their will on the rest. The complaint against the Soviet is that, hitherto, no progress has been possible unless it happens to be in the direction that the Soviet insists upon going. M. Molotov admitted that the Foreign Ministers broke up with almost nothing achieved except a decision to meet again on June 15. Although he pointed out that the word "almost" does indeed cover several positive achievements. Rumania is to recover the whole of pre-war Transylvania, probably the best solution of this vexed question, and, subject to minor adjustments, Italy gets back South Tyrol, an incomprehensible and unjustifiable confirmation of one of the worst provisions of the last Peace Treaties. Italy also gets an overdue revision of the armistice terms of 1943.

All these agreements, however, are of wholly subsidiary importance, and all share the characteristic that their subject-matter scarcely, if at all, touches the interests of any of the four Powers. It is not possible, therefore, to draw much comfort from these crumbs of concord. On the basic issues like Germany, Austria, Trieste and the prospects of a general peace conference only the smallest advance was made, and unless the causes are removed which obstructed progress it is difficult to perceive why the next meeting of the Ministers should fare any better than the last two.

It can safely be said that progress will not be achieved unless M. Molotov reasons himself out of an attitude which results in his being in a monotonous minority of one vis-a-vis his other colleagues. How can there be advance when he refuses even to admit Austria to the agenda, and laconically vetoes every procedure suggested by others for the examination of the German problem without proposing any of his own? Nor does he assist by complaining that he has no information about the British zone when in fact, unlike the area behind his own "Iron Curtain," it is free to inspection by all. More pertinent would be a complaint by Britain that, when at considerable sacrifice to herself she is trying to ward off starvation from her section of the West, not a modicum of information is forthcoming about Germany's Eastern granary occupied by Russia. Unless M. Molotov returns to Paris in June prepared to substitute co-operation for stone-walling it is to be feared that the same dismal story will be repeated for the third time. As that, there was a vague promise of better things. M. Molotov, while expressing the Soviet point of view emphatically, was a little more objective in his analysis of the needs of the moment than Moscow has accustomed us always to expect. There would seem, therefore, to be some possible ground for hoping that, if the Ministers' Deputies, put their time to good use, a more cooperative spirit may be forthcoming. Unless, however, some such change does take place, there is grave danger of the current mood of pessimism giving place to one of cynical disillusion.

SIDKY PASHA ASKS US TO HURRY

Cairo, May 23.—In the Egyptian Parliament yesterday the Prime Minister, Ismail Sidky Pasha, urged Britain to "hasten the evacuation as much as they can, without waiting for discussions" on revision of the 1930 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

Sidky Pasha added: "The best atmosphere could be found for the negotiations when British troops have evacuated Egypt, and Egyptians can once again feel that they are a free people."

Negotiations were suspended for a short time as the British delegation wanted to obtain the British Government's view on certain points of the proposed new constitution.

BY THE WAY

By BEACHCOMBER

When Freda le Muffin, aged 43, of Whickstoke-villas, Middleham, returned home last night she found a rhinoceros in her parlour. She at once rang up the Zoological Gardens and asked to speak to a curator.

Meanwhile crowds had gathered outside the house, thinking that the was for sale. A Mrs. Maunper asked, "Have you a hake?" "No," replied Mrs. le Muffin, "it is a rhinoceros." At this rude remark, the queue became angry, and made threatening remarks. "I'm getting a curator to take it away," shouted Mrs. le Muffin. "We were here before him," cried a voice from the far end of the queue. "Why should he get his fish before us?" Mrs. le Muffin protested that she was not a fishmonger. Whereupon a disguised Food Ministry man stepped forward and said, "Then you are not licensed to sell fish. You will be fined."

At The Ballot
"NASTURTIUM TIME" This mannered exercise in academic mobility is choreographically satisfying, without stalling any now art-concept. A series of triangular movements, intrinsically subconscious, is bound to clash with the three-dimensional exegesis of dance-patterns woven, as it were, diametrically. The vertical theory of massed effects and planes of evolution corresponds here to no compromise with the essential integrity of the horizontal exhalation colour, sound and movement. A pleasant, if stultifying evening.

Exercise V.
(The wheelchair way to strength)
TO DEVELOP THE BACK MUSCLES.

Get a friend to grip your legs as you lie prone on the floor. Raise your hands on your hands, and try to imagine that you are a wheelchair. To facilitate the illusion, get a third person to put dirt and stones and things in the hollow of your back. Then advance on your hands, while the friend slides you by the legs. Every now and then more dirt and stones and things should be added to the load on your back.

Sitting in a dirty, dilapidated first-class compartment the other day, confronted by a black-out notice on the wall, I wondered why some of the labour used to get ready the cocktail-bar and swimming-pool of the Golden Arrow train could not have been employed to clean up the ordinary trains—or, at any rate, to tear down the blackout notices.

A bad attack of flu had kept me at home. Something of the same sort must have affected my electric cooker. I reported it and retired to bed, armed with a hot briek and aspirins, and hoped it wouldn't be more than a month before Granfer or his lad came to see it.

To my amazement someone knocked at the front door. I crawled out of bed into my aged dressing-gown, tied doily, shawled me by a solicitous small daughter, round my head, and started to heave the bicycles that jammed the passage out of the way. (Only strangers ever knock at the front doors of our Government bungalows. Others know too well the obstacles that must be removed before they enter and go to the side door.)

Before my fevered gaze stood a resplendent vision. Tall, broad-shouldered, immaculate, in gaudily creased flannels, gleaming brown shoes, and beautifully tailored sage-green sports jacket. Over his shoulder was slung a leather case which I imagined must contain a camera. He grinned at me. It was not surprising.

"There must be some mistake," I muttered hoarsely, preparing to close the door, "this is 192."

"I believe your cooker's conked out," said the vision amiably.

Now, in the North we do not express ourselves thus. "Conked out" has become one of the dead languages for me.

"Come in," I said faintly. I indicated the grill. Only a few minutes, I thought gratefully, and I shall be crawling back into bed again. I had forgotten there were other methods of mending grills besides those employed by Granfer and his lad.

An hour later the entrails of the grill were still strewn around and we were drinking tea competently brewed by my British Workman—1946 model. We exchanged confidences.

"Yes, he was just back in Clivv Street. Felt a bit strange. Yes, he came from the smoke. At least, Watford, which would soon, so he assured me, be part of London-proper.

"But he had fallen for a Lancashire lass and to please her had forsaken civilisation for the North. That was how it seemed to him. They had put in for a pre-fab. There was a family on the way, so he told him. Under the roof, he had not walked the full period of his demob leave."

"I certainly looked at the Lancashire lass," he went on. "I certainly looked at the Lancashire lass."

A survey of the food situation now by NORMAN CLIFF, News Chronicle Foreign Editor

INDIA MUST NOT STARVE

wealthy Indians, and British habitually overfed and waste enormous amounts of food.

The fact that about 240 million Indians live in rural areas and that a large proportion of them are small cultivators who barely keep themselves and their families alive on the earnings they produce, helps to explain why when the rains fail they die like flies unless aid comes.

Seventy-five per cent. of the land cultivated depends on rain, only 25 per cent. being irrigated.

Learning from previous disasters, the Government has made itself responsible for the people's food. Government agents assess, but at a fair price, collect and distribute the marketable surplus of food grains and areas with surplus are called upon to help those whose supplies are short.

Human nature being what it is, the first whisper of shortage causes hoarding by those always on the edge of starvation, who cannot be blamed, and also by the greedy and unscrupulous who have yet to develop a social conscience.

Steps are taken to deal with hoarding and black marketing, but when small stocks are held by millions of small producers official measures cannot produce much effect. The little extra rice laid by or threshed out is "procured" by the Government, when multiplied many million-fold causes a big cumulative aggravation of the existing shortage.

Alternative Foods

Indians, of course, live on cereals, and a publicity drive to persuade illiterate masses to turn to more nutritious diets, including potatoes and other tubers, tapioca, fruit, fish and milk, would need to be ingeniously and long-sustained. At present difficulty is being experienced in persuading South Indians to eat wheat in the absence of rice.

India's total deficit is about eight per cent. of the production which, on the surface, seems a manageable percentage. But the smallest shortage, when known, grows into a bigger deficit, and undernourished peasants always on the brink of a precipice swiftly fall beyond rescue.

War demands made the accumulations of big reserves impossible and equitable distributions difficult in a vast sub-continent with varying standards of efficiency and control.

Town And Country

The estimated normal average consumption is one pound of grain per adult per day. Those rationed are reduced to 12 ounces per day, with an additional four ounces for heavy manual workers.

This means a lowering of diet to a calorie value of 1,200 compared with the basic minimum necessary of 2,400 and the present United Kingdom level of 2,900.

In the rural areas of South-East India a diet nearer the standard of 800 calories—the Bolser ration—is already general.

Grave as the outlook is, the Indian authorities, according to independent observers who have visited affected areas, appear to have the situation under control. They have learned expensive lessons from Bengal's disaster and now have advantages not available then.

War demands having ceased transport is no longer a problem. The movement of food has highest priority.

The Army is helping with transport as well as by cutting its rations, producing its own grain and milk on its own farms, defeating climate and distances by expanding cold storage plants, and by enterprise setting up the first factory in the world to can buffalo milk.

At the first signs of famine distress on a wide scale there would be danger of sympathetic disorder with accompanying bloodshed and hopes of a peaceful transition to independence would vanish.

Britain and America and other countries with a sense of responsibility cannot and must not let India starve.

Britain Looks For Rice

London, May 28.

The possibility of securing for India the supplies of rice which might be available in Java is being actively pursued by the British Government in conjunction with the Government of India and in consultation with the Netherlands Government, said Mr. Hector McNeil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons today.

He was replying to Mr. Philip Sissons, Communist member, who asked on what date Dr. Sultan Sjahrir, Indonesian Prime Minister, had offered half a million tons to India and in what view of India's need to

negotiations had now begun for the shipment of this rice to India in exchange for cotton textiles for the Indonesian republic. Mr. McNeil said that he understood that Dr. Sjahrir had made his statement during a speech in the Indonesian Parliament on May 22.

SNUB

London, May 28.
The Soviet Union has decided not to send a Soviet contingent to London for the Victory Parade on June 8. Mr. Hector McNeil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated this in the House of Commons today in reply to a question. He added that the matter had been raised several times since the original telegram of Feb. 25 to the British Ambassador in Moscow instructing him to invite the Soviet Government to send a contingent. Mr. McNeil gave no reasons for the Soviet decision.—Reuter.

Coal Strike Settlement Imminent

Washington, May 28. Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug and John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, tried for a second time today to end the paralysing soft coal strike amid indications that a settlement was near.

The first meeting early yesterday failed to produce an agreement, but as the second conference started last night there were private reports that a settlement was imminent.

Only 20,000 miners were working yesterday all of them at mines not mapped by the striking 400,000 members of the United Mine Workers Union.

There was no indication that President Truman intended to take an immediate hand to force a settlement as he did in the rail strike.—Associated Press.

REQUEST IGNORED

New York, May 28. In the United States, the 400,000 soft coal miners today continued to ignore the Government's request to resume work after the expiry of their fortnight's strike at midnight on Saturday.

It appeared that they will remain away until their leader John L. Lewis signals their return.—Reuter.

Women Not To Leave India

London, May 28. Sir Waldron Smithers (Conservative) asked in the House of Commons today if arrangements would be made for the evacuation from India of all women and children immediately in view of the recent decisions of the British Government.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary for India, replied: "No, I am not aware of any justification for the suggestion that immediate evacuation is required."

Sir Waldron: "Who will guarantee the safety of white women and children if British rule is withdrawn, either from troubles in India, or when the Russians walk in?" (laughter).

Mr. Henderson: "All I can say is that I think it regrettable that any suggestion should be made (Government cheers) that is likely to give concern to the minds of those who have relatives and friends in India."

Mr. Godfrey Nicholson (Conservative): "Is it not better for Ministers that, instead of having to direct his attention to cock-eyed questions as this, he should direct it to providing passages for those who cannot get home."

No answer was given by the Government spokesman.—Reuter.

Draft Act Delayed

Washington, May 28. President Harry Truman's plan for emergency power to draft strikers into uniform raised a new barrier to quick action on the expiring draft act.

According to the timetable that Democratic leader Barkley worked out for the Senate, the draft was rated first on the Chamber's priority list. But Barkley had to agree to shave the strike-control legislation ahead, and the draft extender is still hanging fire.

Most Senators agree that the Chamber probably will go ahead with its military committee's recommendation for a full year extension with only fathers exempt from induction. The belief is that the House of Representatives will stand firm on its insistence that teen-agers as well as fathers should be exempted, gives rise to a conviction in the Senate that a compromise might extend the selective services act to next May 16 with the bottom age limit of 19 years old instead of the previous 18 year old limit.—Associated Press.

FRANCO-SIAMESE DISPUTE
Secret Negotiations End In Failure

Britain May Follow U.S. German Lead

Berlin, May 28. Lieut-General Lucius D. Clay, deputy American Military Governor, described as a "policy of realism" the American action in halting further shipments to the western powers and Russia of industrial reparations from the United States zone in Germany.

He claimed that this was not an attempt to "put pressure on any power" which had been blocking a central administration for Germany.

We have not changed our attitude on reparations as provided by the Potsdam agreement," General Clay added. "We will insist that

Potsdam be carried out in its entirety and not in part."

He added that if central ad-

ministration failed to eventuate

and the U.S. zone should have to

stand alone "it is better that we should have these plants in our zone than not to have them. We can't go and get them."

Delivery would be made of 24

planes already allocated, of which

four would go to Russia, but, he said, nothing would be done now about 150 others which had been reported as available for reparations.

The claimant nations had been informed but none had expressed any reaction to him, General Clay declared.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman in London said that Britain may follow the American lead and ban reparations deliveries from the British zones.

Under the Postdam agreement,

the Soviet Union is entitled to 25

per cent of all reparations taken

from the British, French and

American zones.—Associated Press.

AMERICA'S LAST CHANCE

Washington, May 28. Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace told the House Banking and Currency Committee that the proposal to loan Britain \$3,000,000,000 is a necessary part of the programme for world recovery and reconstruction.

The economic programme of which it is a part is our chance—our last chance—to help the peoples and governments of the world to build a peaceful and prosperous world now," Wallace said.—Associated Press.

FROM PEACE TO RAGING VOLCANO

Jerusalem, May 28. The Arab Higher Committee today sent a note to General Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine High Commissioner, protesting against the continued Jewish immigration and stating that "the Committee may be unable to control the situation in this critical period if there is no change in the attitude of the Government."

The note said that Jewish immigration had converted Palestine "from a peaceful land into a raging volcano."—Reuter.

Mr. Godfrey Nicholson (Con-

servative): "Is it not better for Ministers that, instead of having to direct his attention to cock-eyed questions as this, he should direct it to providing passages for those who cannot get home."

No answer was given by the Government spokesman.—Reuter.

Famed Soho Rapidly Fading Away

(By Neville Thomas)

London, May 28. London's Soho, district of cafes, chop suey and foreigners, is not what it was. Now, after a year of peace, there is slight indication of any return to pre-war days and ways.

Until 1939 this little district in the centre of London's west end contained more good eating houses than any other part of London.

There still are a number of poor imitations of the originals. Cafes and restaurants there, but prices are generally high and quality low.

Many of the old familiar places are gone—some bombed, some bought out and some just closed.

Of the many little clubs which once flourished few remain. Those still in existence tend to cater for the indigenous Soho population—not for the sightseers who formerly wore the main source of patronage!

Because of rationing and food shortages, Soho restaurateurs are less concerned about good food now. High profits have become more important than high living, and many of the foreign waiters served up are

French Want Return Of Land

Paris, May 28. Secret negotiations which have been going on for a month between a Siamese delegation and the French authorities at Saigon about border and minority problems between Siam and French Indo-China have ended in failure, according to a Saigon despatch today to the French press agency.

The Siamese delegation has left Saigon and its compromise proposals have been referred to Paris for further study.

During the negotiations, the French insisted on the immediate return by Siam of the portions of the provinces of Cambodia and Laos, which were annexed by Siam in 1941.

The Siamese agreed to this providing a plebiscite was held in the disputed areas or alternatively the matter was referred to the UNO.

The French undertook to take up the question of Siamese minorities in Indo-China and the rectification of the border to facilitate the use by the Siamese of certain rivers and important roads.

A French Government spokesman stated today that no information was yet available on the reported border incidents in which French forces are said to have bombed Siamese frontier villages and then crossed the border along the Mekong River.

PROVOCATION ALLEGED

The French military action along the Siamese-Indo-Chinese border is the result of "extreme provocation" by Siamese raiders who crossed into French Indo-China, a French spokesman at the UNO in New York stated today.

The French spokesman added that the French authorities in Indo-China had frequently warned the Siamese by radio announcements to suppress such raids but the Siamese officials failed to do anything about it.

Though press dispatches arriving in New York from Bangkok report that the Siamese by radio announced to the UNO to "halt the French attacks," no communication has yet been received at UNO headquarters.

The delegations were without instructions concerning this new international problem.

OLD DISPUTE

Members pointed out, however, that Siam though not a member of the UNO was entitled to lodge a complaint under the United Nations charter, provided she accepts in advance for purposes of dispute the obligations of a pacific settlement provided in the Charter.

Observers in New York pointed out that the Siamese-Indo-China problem dated back to 1941 when the Siamese, after

Tory Press Attacks Mr. Morrison

London, May 28. NEWSPAPERS HERE ON SUNDAY ATTACKED BOTH MR. MORRISON AND THE UNITED STATES FOR WHAT THEY CALLED THE "GREAT FOOD MYSTERY" AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE CONSERVATIVES ARE PREPARING TO FORCE A FULL-SCALE FOOD DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

Lord Beaverbrook's "Sunday Express" declared that the United States denial of Morrison's statement on the British-American food agreements has "given Whitehall its biggest shock in years."

The tabloid "Sunday Pic- torial" headlined "Food-United States Denial Angers London."

The "Sunday Times" said Mr. Morrison gave up 200,000 tons of British grain during his Washington talks "against compensation which is still vague and verbal."—Associated Press.

U.S. OBSERVER

A United States observer has been sent from Bangkok to the area of the alleged border incident between Siamese and French forces on the Indo-

China-Siam frontier, a spokesman of the State Department in Washington said today.

He added that no first-hand report had yet been received, but all available information showed that the reported "in-

cident" was not in the area under dispute between Siam and French Indo-China.—Reuter.

THREE RAIDS

Bangkok, May 28. Three French raids from Indo-China in as many days are reported by the Siamese Government and tension still gripped the Mekong River border after a night of sporadic firing.

A Government communiqué said that French troops twice attacked near Michai, 325 miles northeast of Bangkok on Sunday morning.

Government sources had said earlier that 200 French troops had invaded northeastern Siam crossing the Mekong River from Indo-China. These sources said the French occupied Thabane and drove toward Michai.

The French were said to have used planes to support their advance and to have bombarded Siamese territory before advancing. The only resistance reported was that from the Siamese police stationed along the border.

The Siamese Government said it was forwarding reports on the situation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in New York.

UNJUSTIFIED ATTACKS

The government said that 800 French troops crossed the Mekong River Sunday and looted the village of Banmaw, three hours after it had been evacuated as a result of a raid by a force of 80 men.

A spokesman for the French Foreign Office in Paris said he could neither deny nor confirm the reports. He said no information had been received on the situation for two days.

In London, a Siamese Legation communiqué stated that as far back as May 7 Michai had been bombarded by French troops and that attacks were recurring.

It said the attacks were unjustified and that the Siamese nation has suffered loss of lives and damage to properties.

It said American and diplomatic officials had been asked to communicate with the French Government "with a view to putting an end to such action."—Associated Press.

FOR U.N.T?

New York, May 28. Security Council sources watchfully conceded tonight that the territorial dispute between French Indo-China and Siam might become a matter for United Nations attention, but indicated that all possible pressure would be brought to effect a bilateral settlement.

Meanwhile, big business is slowly infiltrating into Soho. For years, its Wardour street has been the home of the slim companies and gradually more and more such firms are acquiring space in this central spot.

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CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twelfth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 29TH DAY OF MAY, 1946, at 12 o'clock to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1945 and 31st December, 1946 to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th day of May 1946 both days inclusive.

George Y. K. Sun,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 18th May, 1946.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Wednesday the Twelfth day of June 1946 at 12 o'clock noon when the abjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That Article 71 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the figures \$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00" for the figures "\$600.00 to \$1,200.00."

Dated the 18th day of May 1946.

George Y. K. Sun,
Secretary.

NOTICE

HONG KONG CLUB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 98th Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held at the Club House today, Wednesday, 29th May, 1946, at 5.30 p.m.

By order of the Committee,
K. W. KIRBY,
Secretary.

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Hong Kong, 28th May, 1946.

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B.A.A.G. Agents Testify Against Lai Kit

The trial of Lai Kit for high treason was opened before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by A.S.P. J. O'Donovan, is conducting the prosecution, and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. H. C. Lee, is defending the accused, and pleaded not guilty.

The Jury was composed of Messrs. A. A. Gill (Foreman), Leung Yun-hung, Li Fook-chuen, A. J. Brown, Cheung Wah-sum, Poon Kei-yung and Tang Chi-mun.

Accused is charged with 12 overt acts of high treason.

The first witness called to testify for the Crown was Tam Chung, of the British Army Aid Group. Tam said that before the war he was employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company together with accused, who was a conductor. During the Japanese occupation, he saw accused arrest two of his B.A.A.G. agents named Ip and Lau.

Huang Wing-hong and Wat Po-kam, second and third witnesses, both supported the first witness's evidence that accused was a former employee of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company.

The fourth witness was Wong Wing-tim, a B.A.A.G. agent operating in Waichow, between the latter part of 1942 and the day when the Japanese surrendered. Wong told the Court that he directed B.A.A.G. agents in Hong Kong to obtain information regarding Japanese troop and shipping movements in the Colony during the war.

AGENTS IN COLONY
In March, 1941, witness said, he sent Yenng Po down to Hong Kong to instruct Ip Kam-wing, one of his chief agents in Hong Kong, to resume operations in the Colony.

Among the agents under him in Hong Kong were, Wong said, Ip Kam-wing, Lai Chak-po, Mui Siu-hing, Yu Tung-sen, Lam Kwok-yu and Ip Chung-hung.

In reply to Mr. Bernacchi, defending, witness said that he

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MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY
Kongmoon (Luen Ho) 1. 9.00 a.m.
Macao and Tsinsian (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Wuchow (Kwongsai Province) (Man Hing) 1.00 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok and Saigon (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.
Straits (Ninghai) 3.00 p.m.
Kongnoon (Nam Fung I) 3.00 p.m.

Canada via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Gunfleet) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m., (Reg.) 2.45 p.m., (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Shanghai (Longview Victory) 3.00 p.m.

Swatow (Hing Lee) 4.00 p.m.
Canton (Fatshan) 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 30th MAY
Saigon, Bangkok, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and Aden (Mongolia) 10.00 a.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (Berry Victory) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m., (Reg.) 9.45 a.m., (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Macao and Tsinsian (Kwong Sui) 11.00 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok (Hiram) noon.

Haiphong (Empire Park) 3.00 p.m.

Kongnoon (Nam Fung II) 3.00 p.m.

Wuchow (Nam Lung) 3.00 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 31st MAY
Macao and Tsinsian (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Fengtien) 10.00 a.m.

Foochow (Fooshing) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Glenlo) 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Glenapp) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m., (Reg.) 9.45 a.m., (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Tsinan) 1.00 p.m.
Saigon (Hellion) 1.00 p.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m., (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and South America via Seattle (Mount Greylock) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m., (Reg.) 2.45 p.m., (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Kongnoon (Kwok Hing) 3.00 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 1st JUNE
Tsankong (Kwongchow-wan) (Any Fee) 10.00 a.m.

Haliphong (Promised) 10.00 a.m.

Straits and Australia via Sydney (Nalpaki) (Parcels) 9.00 a.m., (Reg.) 9.45 a.m., (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Manila, P.I. (Louise Lykes) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (King Heaven VII) 10.00 a.m.

Straits (Van Hester) 3.00 p.m.

Formosa (Tai Shing) 3.00 p.m.

Caen (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

The Road To Success

WAR GRAVES

Singapore, May 28.
War Graves Commission workers are still recovering the remains of British soldiers killed in the closing days of the Battle of Singapore in February, 1942.

Two skeletons discovered near the porch of Raffles Girl School in the city had been buried near an unexpected dump of "Motor Cocktails."

These bombs had evidently been improvised for use against Japanese tanks, and several cases of them were removed by an Ordnance section after one of the bombs accidentally exploded.

Continuing the search, the War Graves Commission team found several more skeletons, silent evidence of a desperate stand by some isolated British unit at the siege of Singapore drew near its tragic end.—Reuters.

and another brother-in-law, Ip Iu-ting.

They were driven back to Kimberley Road. Witness was kept in a room with his father-in-law and brother-in-law, Ip Iu-ting.

CONSTANT TORTURE

The following day they were taken to the Supreme Court (Hong Kong Japanese Gendarmerie H.Q.) in Hong Kong. Witness said that he saw his other brother-in-law, Ip Kam-wing in one of the cells there.

His brother-in-law, he added, looked very upset and down-hearted.

Witness was kept in the cell for 15 days during which period he was almost every day taken out by Moriyama for questioning through an interpreter, Inouye Kano, about his spy work.

As he refused to disclose, witness said, he was given water torture and beatings for seven days until he could not stand it any longer and confessed.

When he was writing his confession in a room in the Supreme Court, witness said, he heard the groans of his brother-in-law, Ip Kam-wing, from the next room. Witness went into the room and saw accused, Moriyama and Lau Ping-yeung standing abreast with accused in the middle within an arm's reach of his brother-in-law, who was tied to a ladder. There was a bucket of water beside the ladder and the clothing of his brother-in-law was soaking.

VAIN PLEA

Witness pleaded with them not to beat his brother-in-law as he had nothing to do with the case. They told him to go back to his own room.

On Oct. 26, Moriyama and accused came to my house to inform me that my brother had died in prison. I went to Stanley and saw my brother's dead body.

"At an identification parade on Feb. 16, last, I failed to pick out accused. I was told by Lai Chak-po that accused was Lai Kit and was the man who arrested me."

INOUE TESTIFIES

The last witness called to testify for the Crown yesterday was Inouye Kano, who was sentenced to death by the Military Tribunal on Monday for war crimes.

Inouye said that he was an interpreter employed at the Japanese Gendarmerie H.Q. in Kimberley Road between June 20 and June 1, 1944. In June the same year, he was accompanied to Stanley by Moriyama to act as an interpreter between Moriyama and Lai Chak-po.

Inouye said that he did not remember having seen Lai Kit, accused, in Kimberley Road Gendarmerie H.Q. during his stay there.

The case was adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

Sultan Exiled "By Mistake"

Singapore, May 27.
Exiled to the Cocos Islands "by mistake," the ex-Sultan of Selangor is now living in Singapore with his wife, awaiting permission to return to Selangor, where his younger brother is ruler.

The ex-Sultan was enthroned by the Japanese, but was removed immediately after the liberation of Malaya and sent by the military authorities to an island in the Cocos group, in the Indian Ocean 1,000 miles southwest of Singapore.

With him went his wife, Tongku Mustora. She told reporters she had a lovely time on the lonely Isle of Palau Laur, but housekeeping had its trials.

"We dug a well, but the water was salty and finally we had to rely on rain water," said the ex-Sultan. "But we caught plenty of fish and we had supplies of canned food and dehydrated foods."

Vegetables were beyond the horticultural skill of the royal

CONTINUED HOPE OF EARLY TRUCE

Nanking, May 28.

Hopes for an early China truce continued to persist today. General George C. Marshall, special envoy to China, resumed his talks with General Hsu Yung-chang, Government member of the unity committee of three.

PLOT TO KILL P.I. PRESIDENT

MANILA, MAY 28.
A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE PHILIPPINES MANUEL ROXAS HAS BEEN REPORTED BY A QUALIFIED SOURCE WHO DECLINED THE USE OF HIS NAME.

The informant said that 75 picked men from the Nuevocasta, Tarlac and Pampanga provinces in Manila would make the attempt.

He said he was not sure whether or not the attempt will be made during tomorrow's inauguration, but "they are hell-bent to try." Extraordinary precautions have been taken to safeguard Roxas. Manila bound vehicles from Central Luzon are being searched at various points by Filipino M.P.s.

Brigadier-General Rafael Jalandoni, the Philippine Army chief-of-staff, said "adequate protective measures have been taken." Hukbalahap leader, Luis Taruc, who was elected a Congressman of Pampanga but was prevented from taking the oath, told the Associated Press that there "is absolutely no plot. We opposed Roxas in the last national election, but now he is elected, we are going to support his administration so long as he serves the best interests of the country."

The same informant said, however, that the plot has been engineered by men over whom Truce exercises no control.—Associated Press.

POPULATION INCREASE

Singapore, May 28.
Singapore's population has jumped to the neighbourhood of 910,000, compared with a pre-war 650,000, local officials estimate.

They base their figures on the issuance of 899,610 food ration cards and the presence in the city of large numbers of such non-holders of ration cards as refugees, displaced persons and 8,000 military personnel.

Repatriations to China and India are reducing the population about 100 a week, but a rising birthrate is seen in the birth of 120 babies in one day recently, believed to be a local record.—Associated Press.

TSINAN FREE

Nanking, May 28.
The Communist siege of Tsinan, capital of Shantung Province, ended today after lasting a week.

The end came under a preliminary agreement between the Government and Communist commanders in Central Shantung and a representative of the United States truce team to cease hostilities in that area.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Government forces have advanced to within 25 miles of Harbin, key railway centre in the heart of Manchuria, and expect to enter the city within 48 hours, according to Chinese press reports.

Police followed the trial but were met by a hail of bullets as they entered the estate. Two suspected kidnappers were arrested. The others escaped.—Associated Press.

HAIL OF BULLETS

Kuala Lumpur, May 28.
Members of a police flying squad frustrated a large-scale kidnapping attempt here when they shot it out with the abductors and rescued five Chinese merchants.

The kidnapping took place when eight armed Chinese broke into a house at the nearby tin-mining village of Sungel Way where the merchants had assembled. The merchants were carried off to a rubber estate.

Police followed the trial but were met by a hail of bullets as they entered the estate. Two suspected kidnappers were arrested. The others escaped.—Associated Press.

UNDER CANVAS

Singapore, May 28.
Japanese accused of war crimes faced their judges under canvas here when the local war crimes court moved into a tent pitched on a hotel grounds.

The court had been temporarily occupying space in Singapore's Supreme Court building, but requirements of the reviving civil administration forced its evacuation into the canvas home until other accommodations were readied.—Associated Press.

CHOLERA IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, May 28.
A serious cholera epidemic is threatening Shanghai, the city's health authorities warned yesterday.

Stating that 14 new cases had been reported within the last three days, the Department of Health said 100,000 people had been inoculated. The

GUN BATTLE

Penang, May 28.

A Chicago-style gun battle between police and warehouse labourers ended when one Chinese was shot and a gang of six Chinese rounded up.

Policemen discovered the gang as they were looting sugar from a warehouse in Penang. The Report of Johore personally visited the

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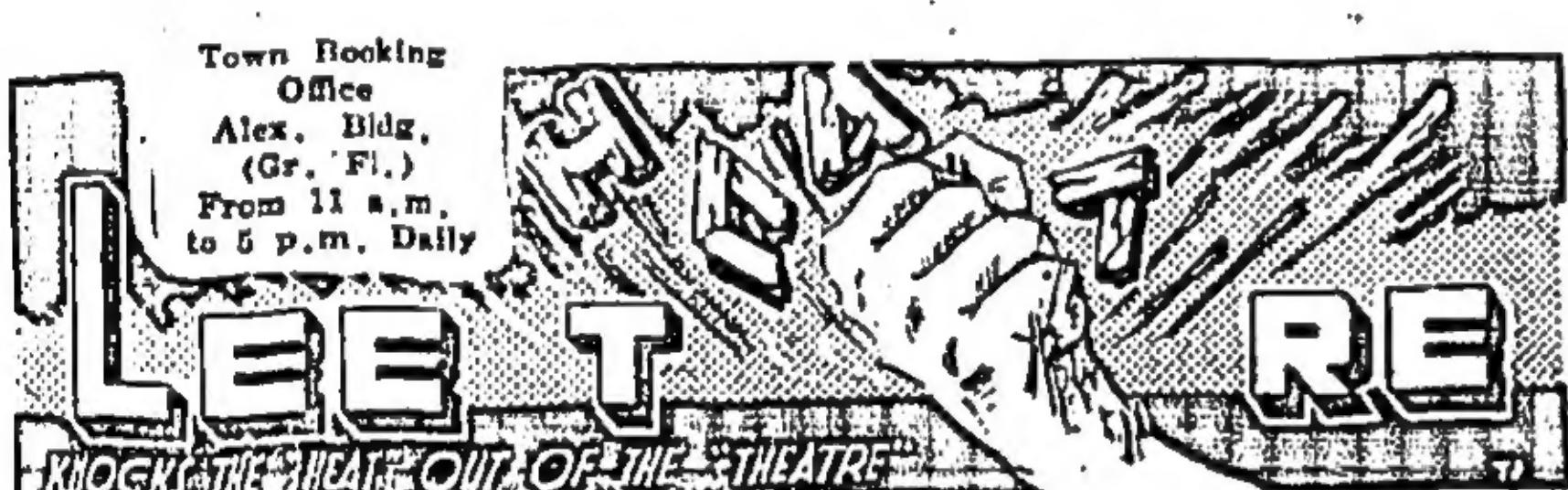
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B.A.O.R. Marriages With German Girls

(By Seaghan Maynes)

Rhine Army Headquarters, May 27. Reports that numbers of British Occupation troops had secretly married German girls in defiance of the strict ban are not borne out by the investigations of either British and German authorities in the British Zone. No trace has yet been found of any such “marriages” having taken place.

The whole question of British-German marriages has raised such a number of thorny legal points, the chief being the very legality of the ban itself, that army authorities are not prepared to commit themselves to any definite statements until the legal aspect has been clarified.

The ban, however, has not prevented hundreds of soldiers from becoming engaged to German girls whom they hope to marry if, and when, the ban is lifted. Several officers have held engagement parties at which their German fiancées have been formally introduced.

The recent debate in Parliament during which the legality of the ban on marriages was challenged and the statement that the matter would be taken up with the Attorney General and the Solicitor General, has created the impression among many of the troops here that such consultations might be the first steps towards the lifting of the ban.

A cross section of opinion on the ban taken from 20 soldiers showed that 14 were in favour of its removal; three were against and three “couldn't care less.” Ten of the 14 anti-prohibitionists made it clear that they themselves did not intend to marry Germans, but they argued that anyone who did, should not be prevented.

Responsible Army quarters do not believe that the lifting of the ban would result in an immediate avalanche of applications by soldiers desiring to marry German girls.

Their impression, based on observations and experience, is that only a small percentage of the half million British troops

want to get married.

Permission to marry has been granted by the Army authorities in a few cases where soldiers wished to marry stateless or displaced persons of non-enemy origin and it is possible that these cases have been confused with “secret” marriages. The same Army quarters stress that any soldier wishing to marry secretly would have a difficult time trying to find any one to perform the ceremony. Army Chaplains certainly could not do it; and German clergymen and civil officials, such as burgomasters, who are empowered under German law to perform marriage ceremonies are well aware of the ban.

CATHOLIC VIEW

Another point which any “secret” marriage might raise is that of the difference in some cases between State law and those of the Church particularly the Catholic Church.

Under German law, even a Church wedding is not legalised until a civil ceremony has been performed, for instance, by the burgomaster.

Some German Catholic priests have stated that they might, in certain circumstances, find it difficult to reconcile their Church laws with the present military law, especially if the legitimacy of a child were concerned.

But even if they were persuaded to perform a marriage ceremony, the marriage, though legal in the eyes of the Church, would not be legal in the eyes of the State until the civil ceremony had been performed; and burgomasters operating under the eyes of the Military Government are not likely to flout the military ban.—Reuter.

ITALIAN APPEAL TO POPE

Rome, May 28. The Italian Federation of Labour has sent a message to His Holiness, Pope Pius, asking that all influence be used with the governments of the United Nations to obtain an early and just peace for Italy, it was reported today.

“Six million Italian workers and intellectuals of all political parties ask you to hasten the conclusion of a just peace,” the message said.

“We ask of the Allied Governments that people who have shown their love for the cause of liberty should not be condemned after having carried out acts of faith in democracy.” Reuter.

A remarkable lambing record comes from Bradley, near Malvern, England, where six ewes, belonging to Mr. Ambrose Hitchings, of Ridgeway Cross, have produced a total of 17 offspring this season.

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“UP TO INDIANS
THEMSELVES”

New York, May 28. The “New York Times” today returns to the subject of India. It says in a lead: “The future of India rests squarely on the Indian people themselves. Unfortunately that future remains cloudy and uncertain.”

“The most hopeful feature is that neither the Congress Party nor the Muslim League has rejected the British plan, and that their reservations are rather directed against each other.”

“It is hoped that the Indian people will find a way to compose their differences. Their capacity to do so will test their capacity for self-government.” Reuter.



MOSCOW'S LATEST

London, May 28. Moscow Radio has broadcast what the announcer said was a report from the Tehran press urging the Iranian government to send a commission to Southern Iran “for an inspection of the evacuation of British troops from Iranian territory.”—Associated Press.

RUSSIA TO ARM POLES

LONDON, MAY 28. RUSSIA HAS AGREED TO SUPPLY POLAND'S ARMIES WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS ON THE BASIS OF LONG-TERM CREDITS. MOSCOW RADIO ANNOUNCED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE RUSSIAN-POLISH TALKS IN MOSCOW.

The broadcast said the credits are being extended in view of the difficulties encountered by the Polish government in getting back Polish gold reserves which were placed in foreign banks before and during the war.

The Moscow broadcast said the Soviet and Polish talks covered an exchange of nationals between the two countries and added that the two governments are in full harmony.

Tass News Agency quoted Stanislaw Szwalben, vice-president of the Polish National Council as saying before he left Warsaw that closer cooperation with Russia “becomes more important for us in connection with the difficulties in establishing relations with Anglo-Saxon countries.” Tass said he referred to the holding up of the Polish loan by the United States.—Associated Press.

TITO IN MOSCOW

Moscow, May 28. Marshal Tito, Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, arrived in Moscow by air this afternoon. He was met at the aerodrome by M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

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New York, May 27.
Buoyed by the end of the rail-
strike the N.Y. stock market to-
day moved up to a new average
peak for more than 15 years on
an expanding volume.

Gains ran to more than two
points in the forenoon but then
were reduced in the majority of
cases at the close.

Transfers totalled 1,720,000
shares, the largest turnover since
May 10.

Dow Jones Average ... \$76.25

30 Industrials ... 209.42

20 Radis ... 66.65

16 Utilities ... 43.23

Adams Express ... 234% Alaska

Jameau 8%, American Smelting

68%, American Telephone 196%,

American Tobacco 99%, American

Watervators 20%, Anaconda Cop-

per 43%, Aviation Corporation

13%, Barnsdall 30%, Bendix Avia-

tion 62%, Bethlehem Steel 108%,

Boeing 29%, Border Co. 55%, J.I.

Hoag 45%, Chrysler 130%, Colgate

53%, Commercial Solvents 29%,

Corn Products 62%, Dupont 218,

Eastman Kodak 251, General Elec-

tric 47%, General Motors 73%,

Goodyear 71%, International Paper

100%, International Paper 194%,

John Manville 155%, Ken-

necott Copper 59, Montgomery

Ward 100%, National Distillers

98%, New York Central R.R. 26%,

Pan American Airways 19%,

Pennsylvania R.R. 41%, Radio

Corporation 16, Republic Steel

38%, Reynolds Tobacco 45%,

Schenley 84, Sears Roebuck 46%,

Shell Oil 39%, Socony Vacuum

17, Southern Pacific 60, Standard

Bailey 49%, Standard Oil of New

Jersey 76%, Studebaker 32%,

Union Carbide 119, U.S. Rubber

77%, U.S. Steel 88%, Westing-

house 36%, Youngstown Sheet &

Tube 81%.—Associated Press.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Glenogle and
H.M.S. Suffolk from Singapore
and S.S. Carlton Victory from
Shanghai.

Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—H.M.S. L.S.T. 3022 from
Singapore and H.M.S. Duke of
York from Australia.

Tomorrow:—S.S. Arcadia Vic-
tory from San Francisco and S.S.
Agnes from Saigon.

Departures

Yesterday:—S.S. Samtay for
Singapore and B.Y.M.S. 2018,
2045, 2153 to sweeping.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—H.M.S. Courier for
Mire and Fort Dunvegan for
Tokyo.

Tomorrow:—H.M.S. Hart with
L.C.T. 1241 for Takao.

U.S. TREASURY POSITION

Washington, May 28.
The position of the U.S. Treas-
ury on May 23, compared with
the corresponding period year
ago was as follows:

Total debt: \$21,991,671,000, and

\$238,211,647,000.

"Gold Assets": \$20,243,810,000

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N.Y. STOCK MARKET

United War On World Famine

Washington, May 28.

Eighteen nations agreed to "consider the advantages of bread rationing," raise the flour extraction rate of bread to 85 per cent and reduce grain stocks wherever possible when the United Nations Food and Agricultural Conference ended today with a formal declaration of a united war against world famine on three fronts.

The Director of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, Sir John Orr, ended the week-end meeting with the declaration "We will succeed. We cannot fail. We cannot fail because the peoples of the world will support us."

BRIDGE NOTES

There are some bidding situations in which the experienced and thought player knows that danger is ahead. If he is wise he passes at the first safe (or reasonably safe) contract in order to make sure of staying out of trouble. Today's hand is a case in point.

South-Dader North-South vulnerable

B. 8 6
H. K Q J 10 5
D. K Q J 10 9
C. 6

B. Q J 3 2 N B. 9 5
H. 9 7 6 2 I H. A 4 3
D. A 7 9 2 W E D 8 0 4
C. 8 C. K J 9 5 4

B. A K Q 10 7 4
B 8
D 5
C. A Q 10 7 3 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1C Pass 1H Pass
1S Pass 2D Pass
2S Pass 3D Pass
3S Pass 3NT Pass
4C Pass 4S Pass
Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

South played the hand as well as he could and was down only two tricks, for a penalty of 600 points. But he never should have been at so high a contract; North should have passed at two spades!

Consider the information available to North at the point where South had bid two spades.

By beginning with the clubs and bidding the spades later on South showed that he had more clubs than spades. (It was possible that he had two four-card suits, but his next bid ruled that possibility out.) And by rehiding the spades, he showed that he had a five-card spade suit. Hence he had at least six clubs and only two red cards at most.

If South had only two red cards, North would not be well off at a heart or diamond contract. Furthermore, North should have realised that South would not give up his two suits just to let North play the hand at a bad red trump contract. Moreover, if South had only two red cards, the North hand was practically worthless to him. Hence, further bidding could not do the North-South cause any good and might lead to serious trouble.

North should have stopped to reason this all out, and then he would have passed safely at two spades. There's a big difference between making 60 points below the line and giving the opponents 600 above the line.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

S 8 5 3
H. A Q 7 3 2
D. A 4 2
C. 6 5

The bidding:
Schenken You Maier Jacoby
1S Pass 1NT 2C
2H Pass 2H Pass —
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner could have bid four clubs, two or more no-trump, or he could have raised the hearts. Instead of making any of these stronger bids, he made a minimum rebid in his own suit. Game is very unlikely, and a pass may save you from a bad contract.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 60 per cent for three hearts.

Question:

Today you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different: Schenken You Major Jacoby
1S Pass 1NT 2D
2H Pass 3D Pass
Pass (?) What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow).

U.S. COTTON

New York, May 27.
The N.Y. Cotton futures market sank into the day's low-ground in late trading as a flurry of trade and local selling met with an absence of mill buying.

July 27.40, October 28.00, December 28.47, March 28.31, May 1947, 28.00, July 28.25, August 28.25, Middle Spot 28.00.

New Orleans Cotton: July 27.71, Oct. 28.00, October 27.98/28.00, December 28.10/28.15, March 28.34, May 1947, 28.37.—Associated Press.

Chicago, May 27.

Date—August 0.84%, September 0.80%.

All other grain prices unchanged.

Winnipeg Rice: 28.71, July 28.60, October 28.65, December 28.65.

Hong Kong 28.25.—Associated Press.

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New Light On Franco And Axis Relations

Nuernberg, May 28. Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, tasting the bitter drugs of defeat at Stalingrad and Tripoli, agreed that Franco had robbed the Axis of victory by refusing to attack Gibraltar.

But captured records of the German foreign office disclosed that Hitler attempted to salvage something from the Franco defection by signing him to a secret protocol to fight any Anglo-American landing on the Iberian peninsula, even if it meant a Spanish march into Portugal.

DOCKETS

London, May 28. In the House of Commons today, Colonel Wheatley, Conservative Member, asked the President of the Board of Trade whether he would reconsider the whole question of dockets and units in view of the impossibility of newly married ex-service men being able to make a home with the numbers now allowed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade said that, with the exception of bedding and curtain materials, the Board of Trade was not able to increase the number of dockets and units for household goods owing to the heavy demand.—Reuter.

RADIO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1946.
CLASSICAL REQUEST HOUR.

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., 8.00 to 8.15 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.52 Megacycles.

H.I.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 12.32 p.m.—"Donald Peers"—Cavalcade of Songs—ENSA. 12.47 p.m.—Charlie Kunk at the Piano. 1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Forecast and Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—"Off the Bottom Shelf". 1.30 p.m.—Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra. 2.00 p.m.—Close Down. 6.30 p.m.—A Programme of Dance Music. 7.00 p.m.—Billy Russell (Comedian)—Behalf of the Working Classes. 7.15 p.m.—Reginald Foote at the Organ. 7.30 p.m.—Frances Langford in Variety. 8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 8.15 p.m.—Wilhelm Bachmann at the Piano. 8.30 p.m.—"Classical Request Hour". 9.30 p.m.—Light Spanish Programme with Tito Schipa ("Tenut"). 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 10.05 p.m.—"The Story of Stephen Foster's Compositions". 10.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Gems. 11.05 p.m.—Close Down.

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RADIO SEAC

Radio SEAC, Ceylon, the Services station, broadcasting on a frequency of 15120 Kcs (19.83 metres) and 6075 Kcs (49.33 metres) from 6 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. (Indian Standard Time is 3½ hours behind H.K. time).

Items marked * are produced by Overseas Recorded Broadcasting service, and items marked ** by London Transcription service.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th.—

0600 Music On The Air; 0630 The News and Home News (BBC); 0645 Morning Star; 0700 Musical Theatre of the Air (BBC); 0800 The News, and "From Today" Papers (BBC); 0810 Programme Announcements; 0815 Variety, from London (BBC); 0845 Orchestral Concert (BBC); 0930 The News and Home News (BBC); 0940 Programme Announcements; 0945 Strictly Odd; 1000 Those Were The Hits; 1030 Showtime; 1100 News Headlines; 1101 Interlude In Blue*; 1115 Top Billing; 1200 News Headlines; 1201 Yours For The Asking; 1300 Over To America; 1330 The News (BBC); 1340 Bandstand; 1400 BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra*; 1430 Spotlights For Two*; 1500 Songs From The Show*; 1630 Around The Captain; 1630 British Band of the A.E.F.; 1630 The News and Home News (BBC); 1645 Keyboard Club; 1715 India and Ceylon Half Hour; 1745 At The Console; 1800 World and Home News; 1805 Yours For The Asking; 1900 SEAC Rhythm Club; 1930 Wednesday Symphony Club; 2015 Trans-Atlantic Rhythms; 2020 Radio Newark (BBC); 2045 Programme Announcements; 2050 Voices Favourites (BBC); 2130 The News, and "From Today's Papers" (BBC); 2145 Dance Music; 2200 Scottish Half Hour (BBC); 2230 Close Down.

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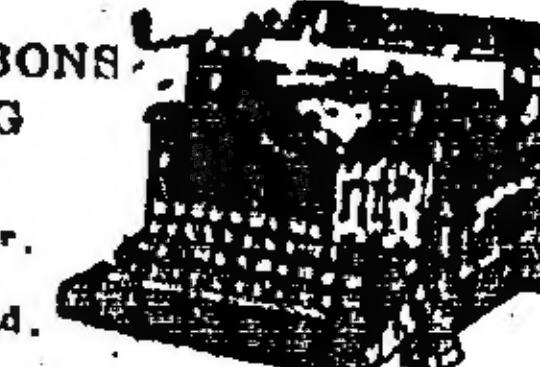
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NEW ENVOY

London, May 28. Generalissimo Stalin today received Sir Maurice Pateyton, British Ambassador in Moscow, the Moscow Radio reported. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. Molotov, was present at the interview.

Sir Maurice arrived to take up his duties as British envoy on May 17 and presented his credentials to the President of the Soviet Union on Saturday.—Reuter.

ROXAS TAKES THE OATH

Manila, May 28. Manuel Roxas today took the oath of office as the third President of the Philippine Commonwealth and first President of the Republic of the Philippines. He pledged that the Republic which will be born on July 4 would maintain the closest relations with the United States.

Roxas passed through a crowd of 50,000 with troops with sub-machine guns lining all approaches and standing elbow to elbow around the platform guarding the President against a threat of assassination. The Metropolitan Police on Monday night said they had carried out several raids rounding up suspected extremists.

Roxas pledged encouragement of new industry and higher living standards. — Associated Press.

RAIL DISASTER

Harrisburg, May 28. The engineer was killed and at least 12 marines injured, two seriously, in the derailment of a Pennsylvania railroad troop train, 10 miles east of here.

The train was carrying 303 marines from San Diego, California to the Bainbridge, Maryland naval station. The steam locomotive toppled into a canal running parallel to the railway, upsetting five cars, including three troop sleepers.—Associated Press.

Around The World

Tokyo, May 28. The defence counsel for General Hideki Tojo and the other 26 Japanese leaders accused as war criminals today asked for a postponement of the trial from June 3 to enable them to prepare their cases.—Reuter.

Rio de Janeiro, May 28. Marlin has occupied the dock area of Santos, Brazil, the world's largest coffee port, where all stevedores ceased to work yesterday in protest against the arrests made during the strike a fortnight ago. The previous stoppage arose from the men's refusal to handle cargoes for Spanish ships.—Reuter.

London, May 28. An agreement in principle has been reached between the Air Ministry Mission and the Government of Southern Rhodesia for peacekeeping, training of R.A.F. pilots and navigators in southern Rhodesia. The mission was headed by Air Marshal Sir Roderick Hill, Air Council member for training.—Reuter.

Colombo, May 28. Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty and a member of the British Cabinet Mission to Italy, arrived here today from Trincomalee, Ceylon. He was accompanied by Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Packer. After visiting the naval authorities here tomorrow, Mr. Alexander is expected to return to Delhi by air on Thursday.—Reuter.

Baghdad, May 28. King Faisal II, the 11-year-old King of Iraq, accompanied by the Queen Mother and a royal party left Baghdad last night on the first stage of his journey to Britain. He is sailing in a yacht belonging to President Inonu of Turkey for a French Mediterranean port and will stay for four months in Britain where he will continue his studies.—Reuter.

Canberra, May 28. Senator William Pashley, Supply and Shipping Minister, announced today that the Commonwealth and State Governments had begun a cooperative search for oil in the Kimberley area of Western Australia. Approval had been given for the purchase of the latest equipment and it was hoped to extend later the search of the whole of Australia, he said.—Associated Press.

M.C.C. Had Worst Of Vicious Wicket

London, May 27. India, with 438 in their first innings, dismissed the M.C.C. for 139 and, forcing them to follow on 299 runs behind had taken three more wickets for 60 at the end of the second day of their match at Lords.

Overnight rain and a drying wicket spelt the downfall of the M.C.C. team. India, however, were without their captain, the Nawab of Pataudi, who was unable to bat owing to a recurrence of fever following a chill.

Closing their innings on a wet wicket just before lunch, the Indian bowlers went into the attack immediately on the resumption of play. The sodden wicket had prevented play for the day until 12.30 p.m. and the opening Indian "tail" had put on 65 in the 45 minutes of play before lunch but the sun came out to shine later and the turf began to play unpredictable tricks when the Englishmen began their reply to a formidable total.

The M.C.C. were soon in trouble. Wyatt and Singleton, both Worcestershire amateurs—Wyatt, the former England captain, having transferred from Warwickshire—opened, and put on 43 for the first wicket but the Indian bowlers Mankad and Armanath each accounted for one of them in a period when the ball began turning off the stumps. Wyatt made 19. Armanath, who took four wickets for 41 and Mankad three for 40 did most to force the M.C.C. to follow on at once, 299 runs in arrears. Hazare took two for 29.

Only an hour's batting was left when the M.C.C. started their second innings. Armanath and Hazare came back to the attack, aided by a second new ball within an hour.

PITCH STILL BAD

The roller had helped the pitch at the interval but its effect wore off again after a few overs and Wyatt and Singleton who opened again, were having difficulty with it. At 33, with the first batsmen still together, Merchant, deputising as captain for Pataudi, pulled a double wicket change, bringing on Mankad and Sarwate. It upset Singleton who fell leg before wicket in Mankad's second over for 22 with the total at 34. Singleton had tried for a hefty pull but the ball stayed low.

Wyatt went at 47 when Mohamed running backwards, took a fine catch from a lofty hit to deep square leg. He had contributed 23. Mankad was the ball. Armanath took the first wicket, beating Singleton with 21 when he stepped in front of an in-swinger which kept low. Two runs later with the total at 45, Mankad knocked back Wyatt's off stump. It was a slow bowler's faster pitch.

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